



BIOGRAPHY

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

6TH AIR MOBILITY WING

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MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. 33621-5502

COLONEL DAVID M. SNYDER



Colonel David M. Snyder is commander, 6th Air Mobility Wing, and installation commander, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla. As the commander, he is responsible for base property and capital assets totaling \$750 million. He commands nearly 3,000 authorized wing personnel and controls an annual budget exceeding \$100 million, while providing support to U.S. Central Command and U.S. Special Operations Command. Both commands maintain headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base.

Colonel Snyder entered the Air Force in May 1978 as a graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz., and earned his wings in 1979.

Colonel Snyder has commanded an airlift squadron and an operations group. He later served as chief of staff for the Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center, NORAD/USSPACECOM, and as executive officer to the commander, USTRANSCOM/AMC, Scott Air Force Base, Ill., prior to assuming his current duties. Colonel Snyder is a command pilot, having logged more than 4,000 hours in C-141, T-41, T-1, T-37, T-38 and AT-38 aircraft.

EDUCATION:

1978 Bachelor of science in engineering (engineering sciences), U.S. Air Force Academy, Colo.

1982 Squadron Officer School, by correspondence

1985 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence

1986 Master of business administration (with distinction), The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Penn.

1986 Master of Science in engineering (systems engineering), School of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Penn.

1996 Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. July 1978 – August 1979, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. November 1979 – June 1982, aircraft commander, and wing training officer, 30th Airlift Squadron, McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.
3. June 1982 – September 1983, aide to the commander, 21st Air Force, McGuire AFB, N.J.
4. October 1983 – August 1984, executive assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and installations, air staff training officer (ASTRA), Washington D.C.
5. August 1984 – June 1986, graduate student, Air Force Institute of Technology, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, Penn.
6. July 1986 – August 1989, instructor, assistant professor, department personnel officer, and T-41 instructor pilot, department of management, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
7. September 1989 – August 1990, executive officer to the superintendent, U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.
8. August 1990 – July 1992, action officer, chief of the joint and NSC branch, strategy division, directorate of plans under the deputy chief of staff for plans and operations headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
9. August 1992 – August 1993, airlift forces program evaluator, forces division, directorate of programs and evaluations, headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington D.C.
10. August 1993 – June 1994, chief of safety, 62nd Airlift Wing, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
11. June 1994 – June 1995, commander, 8th Airlift Squadron, McChord Air Force Base, Wash.
12. August 1995 – June 1996, student, Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.
13. June 1996 – February 1997, deputy commander, 14th Operations Group, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
14. February 1997 – January 1999, commander, 14th Operations Group, Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.
15. January 1999 – August 2001, chief of staff and director of manpower and personnel, Cheyenne Mountain Operations Center, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Space Command, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colo.
16. August 2001 – January 2003, executive officer to the commander, United States Transportation Command, and to the commander, Air Mobility Command, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.
17. January 2003 – present, Commander, 6th Air Mobility Wing, and Installation Commander, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 4,000

Aircraft flown: C-141 A/B, T-41C, T-1A, T-38, AT-38B, T-37

Pilot wings awarded April 1979

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Defense Superior Service Medal

Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	May 31, 1978
First Lieutenant	May 31, 1980
Captain	May 31, 1982
Major	March 1, 1988
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 1993
Colonel	January 1, 1998

(Current as of *February 2003*)